In re Application of: Poplawski et al. Application No.: 10/637,161

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## **AMENDMENTS**

## IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claims 1 and 9, as follows:

(Currently Amended). A vehicle comprising:
 a vehicle frame having at least one vertically oriented side frame member;
 a transmission housing <u>directly</u> mounted to a vertical face of the side

frame member;

a hydrostatic transmission mounted in the transmission housing and comprising a hydraulic pump and hydraulic motor connected through a hydraulic circuit; and

an axle shaft driven by the hydraulic motor and extending perpendicular to the vertical frame member.

- 2. (Original). A vehicle as set forth in Claim 1, further comprising two vertically oriented side frame members, wherein the transmission housing is secured to one of the side frame members.
- 3. (Original). A vehicle as set forth in Claim 1, wherein the transmission housing is secured to the side frame member by at least one bracket.